

### **Mr. Ishmael Beah Comments**

Child soldiers are physically small and can hide, shoot and kill people without being seen.

Child soldiers are encouraged to drink alcohol and take drugs. They are kept high all the time so they do not think about what they are doing.

Child soldiers are so traumatized by everything they have been through, that nothing will stop them from shooting and killing. All of the horrible things they have been through, the killing, maiming, raping, and destroying become “normal” to them.

During a civil war, child soldiers use all of the dirty tricks imaginable.

The international community needs to create rehabilitation centers for children, and needs to advertise them to encourage children to leave their military units and go to the centers.